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REMARKS

Claims 1-2, 4-6, 8-9, 12-18, 22, and 23 are pending in the application. Claim 1 is an independent claim.

Claims 1-2, 4-9, 12-14, 16-18, 22, and 23 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,651,171 ("England"). Claim 15 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over England in view of U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0037237 ("Abgrall").

In response, claim 1 has been amended to include at least one limitation not disclosed by England, and claim 7 has been cancelled.

Claim 1, as amended, is directed to a processor including one or more execution units to retrieve a key and to authenticate an authenticated code module using the key. England does not disclose this limitation. In rejecting claims 7-9, the examiner cites column 13, lines 10-62, and column 15, lines 19-52, of England as disclosing a key, and execution units to utilize the key to authenticate an authenticated code module. However, the key discussed by England is a key that is encrypted when provided to a user by a software or content provider, where code to manipulate to key may also be provided because the authenticated operation of the computer system of England may be used to preserve the secrecy of the key (see column 3, lines 35-52). England does not describe using the key to authenticate an authenticated code module.

Based on the above, it is respectfully requested that the rejection of claim 1 be withdrawn.

Claims 2, 4-9, 12-14, 16-18, 22, and 23 depend on amended claim 1, and therefore include at least one limitation that is not disclosed by England. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the rejections of claims 2, 4-9, 12-14, 16-18, 22, and 23 be withdrawn.

With respect to claim 15, the combination of Abgrall and England does not include at least one limitation of amended claim 1, specifically one or more execution units to authenticate an authenticated code module using a key. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the rejection of claim 15 be withdrawn.

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CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all of the rejections of claims 1-2, 4-6, 8-9, 12-18, 22, and 23 have been overcome, and that claims 1-2, 4-6, 8-9, 12-18, 22, and 23 are in condition for allowance. The applicant therefore respectfully requests the issuance of a Notice of Allowance. Please charge any necessary fees, including extension fees, to our Deposit Account No. 50-0221.

Respectfully submitted,



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